



THE COMMUNITY NEWS

From Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Cefn Bychan/Newbridge, Plas Madoc & Rhosymedre
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HISTORIC BBC MONSANTO 'BRIDGE BUILDERS' script reprised after 73 years by **Historical Society** members. The Society was presented with this script by Derek Owens a former Monsanto worker who said his Mother, Mrs Gladys Owens had taken part in the broadcast. Members were so taken with this that it was agreed that a special performance would be the highlight of the Christmas social. Our photo shows the the 'cast': Rhona Roberts, Barbara Lloyd, Laura Davies, Ian Parry; Cyril Thelwell, Peter O'Byrne, Ennys Hughes, Alan Tiltman and Malcolm Hughes. 'Prompt' boards were displayed by Laura Davies.

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YSGOL ACREFAIR NEWS We had a busy Autumn term learning about lots of new and exciting things. Our Nursery children have settled in and it has been a pleasure to welcome them and their families into our school community. Years 1 & 2 enjoyed trips to the **Boat Museum** and **Trevor Basin**. Years 5 & 6 dressed as Victorian children visiting **Styal Estate** spending the day as poor children who lived and worked in **Quarry Bank Mill**. In the second part of the term Years 1 & 2 read 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' and all of their work has linked to this theme. Years 3 & 4 have been learning about Space. Years 5 & 6 compared a modern day Christmas with Victorian Christmas. Year 4 embarked on their first residential visit to **Glan Llyn** taking part in a range of activities including canoeing and wall-climbing. Years 2, 4 & 6 were visited by **PC Kim** and Years 2 & 5 have also met **Emma McCollough** from the **Fire & Rescue**

Service teaching them exactly what to do in case of a fire. All children took part in an assembly led by the **NSPCC** about staying safe, following on from this Years 5 & 6 had workshops to build upon what they had learned in the assembly. All of the children in the juniors have met Community Cllrs Ken Bathers and Derek Wright who invited them to enter a competition to design a logo for the community lottery bid that is currently being made. A logo designed by Lexi Jones (Year 5) made it into the final 6 designs. Well done Lexi. Our extra curricular activities are popular, clubs include drama, yoga, football, netball and gardening. Children have taken part in a number of competitive fixtures in football and netball and have shown excellent skills in team working and sportsmanship. Children in Year 2 participated in a hula-nation workshop and the whole school were treated to a Taekwondo session with **Ady Jones** from **Wrexham's Taekwondo School**. As well as lots of new moves they learned about confidence, resilience and respect. Year 6 visited Ysgol Ruabon joining in a Design Technology lesson as part of the transition to high school.

We achieve the 'Healthy Schools' award this term, the school council picked this up in a special celebration event at Glyndwr University. The award acknowledges the hard work children and staff put into ensuring the best possible learning environment for our children. We are very proud of the work that our **Eco Council** and **School Council** have done to help us achieve this award and for the range of learning experiences the children have in class, helping them understand the best ways to take care of themselves and the environment around them.

Fund-raising In the Autumn term we held a coffee morning raising £240 for Macmillan. The number of donations to the Wrexham food bank that were made as part of our Harvest Festival in October were amazing and St, Mary's church was full for the Harvest Service, thank you all who attended. **Teams4U** visited school inviting children to take part in the annual 'shoe-box' appeal; many families decided to take part and we were delighted when Teams4U were able to pick up lots of shoeboxes to help children who wouldn't have Christmas gifts without them.

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NEWS FROM YSGOL CEFN MAWR

We would like to thank Mr Andy Smith, Tesco Grocery Manager, for the kind donation of a Christmas cake and profit from a cake stall run by staff at Tesco.



The schools Christmas festivities were started with a Christmas lunch prepared by the school kitchen staff. The children made Christmas party hats, Christmas songs were played while the children enjoyed their meals. Thank you to Mrs Price and the kitchen team.



The residents of Plas Bod Llwyd Residential Home enjoyed carols performed by Ysgol Cefn Mawr's Year 1/2 Choir followed by refreshments when the children had time to talk with the residents.



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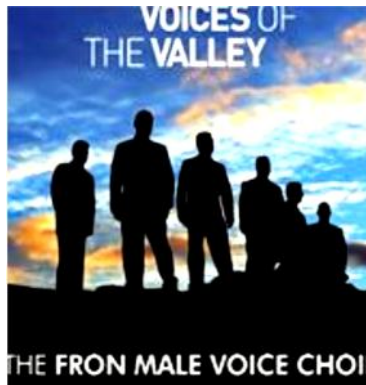


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VOICES OF THE VALLEY – THE FRON MALE VOICE CHOIR
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70 years ago, the Fron Male Voice Choir was formed. Check out **Treat Studios** animation depicting the Fron's Story at <https://youtu.be/fLOW23Hh7m8>

In the wake of the Second World War Europe was on the verge of ruin. But in a gesture of hope and peace the people in the Vale of Llangollen united in song giving birth to the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. It was from these noble beginnings that the Fron Male Voice Choir emerged.

Comprised of men from all ages and walks of life the choir was the embodiment of the power of music and community. Seventy years later their songs have been heard far and wide spreading the ideals upon which the choir was founded the value of community and importance of peace... and that's why music matters.

GWEN WRIGHT FUNDRAISER

Following a fundraising evening in memory of Gwen Wright organised by Sylvia Wooding from Rhosymedre which was held at the Eagles Acrefair a total of £1,650 was raised. The event included live music, a raffle and auction and was a great tribute to Gwen. A cheque was presented to Mike Richie from the Shooting Star Unit at the Maelor Hospital Wrexham by her son Paul Wright and grandson Thomas. Thanks to all who came along on the night, the Eagles and their staff, the bands and everyone for the many donations.

TESCO SUPPORT FOR DERWEN COLLEGE GOBOWEN



Recently Cefn Community Champion Vicky Bolton and two other colleagues joined with staff from Tesco Ellesmere store to paint the sports hall at the **Derwen College, Gobowen**. We spent three days covered in blue paint, looking a bit like Avatars! But we all agreed that it was worth it. The students at the college now have a bright and shiny hall to use! We had a lovely thank you note and would also like to thank Karen and Teresa for helping.

ABOUT DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, acts and talks about the condition. Whether you attend a face-to-face Information Session or watch the online video, Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about the Dementia Friends programme to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts. For more information or to find an information session visit www.dementiafriends.org.uk

SHOOTING STARS FUNDRAISER



Local girl Rachel Lewis decided to go for the 'Dry November' challenge she raised a fantastic £515 for the 'Shooting Star Unit' at the Maelor Hospital Wrexham. Our photo shows her presenting the money at the unit and she would like to thank everybody for supporting her and this great facility.

THANKS FOR DONATION

Magnolia House would like to express their sincere thanks to **Wrexham Mineral Cables** employees who recently donated the sum of £175 to their activities fund. The manager of the factory presented Linda Valentine (Activities co-ordinator) with the money which will be spent on a day trip for the residents in the Summer.



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On **Thursdays** our **Chatterbox** sessions, have started back after the Christmas break, running from 1 to 2.15pm (term times only) they are suitable for children from birth to 3 years.

Adult Reading Group - we hold a monthly reading group that meets every four weeks, Our next meeting will be **Monday 6 February** at 2pm, we will be discussing '**A man called**' by Fredrik Backman. Contact the library if you would like to come along for a light hearted discussion of the chosen book with a brew!

Every Wednesday we have **Citizens Advice & One Stop Shop drop in**. Free independent, impartial, confidential advice on any topic. Benefits checks and Debt service from 1.30 to 4.30pm

Knit and Natter Group which also meet every **Wednesday**, come along and share your knitting and crochet skills with others, swap patterns and designs. No need to book, just bring your knitting. All levels of knitters welcome, as long as you can natter! Knitters meet 2-4pm

Monday 20 February – Half term crafts from 3.30 to 4.30pm, 50p per child.

Fantastic January Book Sale now on offering fiction and non fiction books, paperbacks 50p and hardbacks £1 each.

Poppy Appeal During November we sold knitted poppies that were created by Marie Jones, we were delighted that these raised £68 for the poppy appeal. Thank you Marie for making these.

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CEFN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Streetlights Any streetlights out please can you report them with the number off the lamp post to the Clerk, on **01978 821298**.

Birthdays If you know of members in our community who are going to be celebration their 90th or 100th birthdays please can you let the Clerk know thank you.

Hall Hire Should you need a venue for Parties, Meetings, Events, Stage Productions or more why not book the George Edwards Hall, Cefn Mawr. We have free car parking at the rear and reasonable hire charges, please phone the Clerk for details or call in and check availability with the Caretaker. Current bookings

DanceZone on Mondayss from 5 to 9pm

Clubbercise on Wednesdays from 6.30 to 7.30pm

DanceZone on Fridays from 5 to 9pm



Jamie, Harry and Charlie Thomson who came to our Christmas tree book folding event in December showing their decorated trees made from old books.

LOCAL HISTORY & PHOTOS PAST AND PRESENT

If you are interested in finding out more about the area and go online do you know about the local facebook pages with some amazing photos? Here is a list of some you may like to check out:

- Rhosymedre Memories - Old Photos and Memories of Days Gone By.
- Cefn Mawr - Old Photos and Memories of Days Gone By.
- Cefn Mawr & District Present Day Photos.
- Cefn/plasmadoc/acrefair memories and pics
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Cllr Derek Wright Councillor for Cefn Ward

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CRNCA NEWS

Lunch club is every **Wednesday** @12.30pm and consists of two courses and hot drink £3 and is available to any resident aged 50+ from the local area, please note

some weeks are fully booked therefore ringing to book is essential please do this by 2pm on Tuesday the day before if no answer leave message. A full Christmas dinner was provided for free to 24 people this year with a visit from Santa who gave out a gift and all attendees went home with an emergency food bag for those days you can not get out to the shops.

The Changing Seasons senior group meet every **Tuesday** at the Activity centre 12.30 to 2.30pm (small subs apply) they enjoy craft, games, outings every one in the area over 50 is welcome.

The **CRNCA** in partnership with **WCBC** is providing a free youth session on **Wednesday** evening for 11+ this will continue until March when we understand the Youth provision in the area will be reviewed.

Anyone interested in helping out at the centre in any small way, litter picking, DIY like tightening up table legs, cleaning, helping with lunch club, or gardening please contact Kris on **07531 310335** we are able to keep this centre running purely by using volunteers to keep costs down. **Fund raising** we will be doing bag packing at Tesco one Saturday in March any help with this would be appreciated

Thank you - We wish to thank **Just Seeds** located in Estyn Business Centre for their great donation of a variety of seeds for our spring planting everyone will enjoy the project from young to old. A very big thankyou to **Colin** and **Rowena** for installing the recycled kitchen cupboards in the playgroup kitchen they look great! Thank you to the **Santa's** who visited the Lunch Club and Playgroup on behalf of **St Nicholas** everyone was delighted to see you. Thank you to **Cefn Community Council** for their grant towards our new fridge freezer which is essential to our will used kitchen. Any one wishing to book any of our rooms please phone **01978 821515** or **07531 310335** for more information.

Happy New year to all the community, keep safe, keep well, keep happy from the Volunteer Directors of CRNCA.

BROWNIES

1st Rhosymedre Brownies have spaces available for girls aged 7-9, we meet at Ysgol Cefn Mawr, Plas Kynaston Lane on **Thursday** nights during term time from **6.15 to 7.45 pm**, cost is £2.00 per night. For more information please call **Tracy** on **01978 820686**

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We held a couple of Carol singing sessions at Tesco Cefn Mawr, thank you to those who joined in the singing and also for the welcome donations.



We were very busy on our stall at the Christmas Fayre in the George Edwards Hall. A big thank you to all who helped out and to those who baked some delicious cakes for the refreshments.



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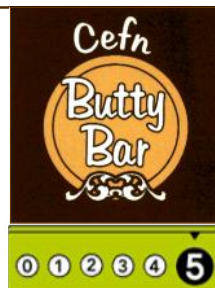
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Come and learn with us and let us help you to kick start your own learning, we offer the following:
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Maths Wednesday 1 – 3pm **G2G Friday** 10 – 12 noon and 1 – 3pm computer help for all stages, EDL.
At **Gwersyllt Resource Centre G2G Tuesday** 1– 3pm
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We also have computers for Job Search and telephone for public use regarding Benefits, Power suppliers, Solicitors, Housing, Health, Learning or contacting the Police. Pop in and have a chat we may be able to help you!

The Opportunities Centre now have the **Foodbank** open for food parcels on Wednesday at 10am to 12 noon and Fridays from 1.30 to 3.30pm. We are also a designated food collection point and can supply vouchers. Contact the **Urban Villages Communities First Team** on **01978 820520**. Our opening Times are 9am to 12 noon and 1pm to 3pm Please note we do shut for lunch between 12 and 1pm

THE PALETTE PEOPLE ART GROUP

We return after our Christmas break on **Tuesday 17th January 2017**. We would love to hear from any prospective new members hoping to find a new hobby for the new year, join us on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon at **The Opportunities Centre**, Plas Madoc, next to the school. Contact **Peter O'Byrne** on **01978 824411**, email jpeterob@hotmail.com or **Laura Davies** @ lauradavies3802@btinternet.com

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Cllr Paul Blackwell Councillor for Plas Madoc

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AM CONGRATULATES YSGOL CEFN MAWR RUGBY TEAM

In a recent visit to the school Mr Skates said: "It was great to meet PE co-ordinator Simon Williams and the girls and to congratulate them in person on their superb efforts, which have seen them appear on national TV flying the flag for Cefn. "All the school's sports clubs are run by teachers and parents, it's a great team effort and is certainly seems to be paying off. The girls have done brilliantly." The team comprises captain Sarae Williams, vice-captains Savannah Roberts and Jorja Roberts, Shelby Evans and Ava Edwards

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Cefn Mawr Community Support Officer

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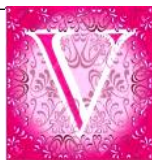
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CEFN COMMUNITY CAROLS

It was a "full house" at the Activity Centre for the Cefn Mawr Christian Fellowship's Community Carol Service. Ysgol Cefn Mawr Choir came to sing five Christmas songs including a beautiful version of "Silent Night". The "congregational" singing was pretty good too! Members of the community read Bible passages telling the story of a virgin mother, her doubting fiancé, a baby born in a barn, the shepherds who heard good news from angels and the wise men who worshipped the baby and gave him gifts. Through words and pictures we learnt how the Christmas tree and its decorations can remind us of the real reason for the season - God's gift of himself in Jesus and of everlasting life through faith in Him. This special celebration ended with refreshments and lots of good conversations.



Cefn Mawr Retired Resident's Christmas Lunch at Tesco's we enjoyed having you and our lovely girls who did the catering with their thank you flowers.



TESCO IN THE COMMUNITY

During November and December, Tesco Cefn Mawr Community Champion Vicky Bolton has been helping as many groups as possible to raise funds for their very worthy causes. We have donated prizes for raffles, mince pies and cakes for coffee mornings and elf and Santa hats for school concerts!

Vicky has visited groups for lunches, for tea and toast and has been to school to make Christingle decorations and to an OAP accommodation to make Festive displays.

Squeezed into all of that we have had a Cefn Mawr Retired Resident's Christmas Lunch in store as well as 5 sittings of colleagues Christmas lunches and several charity fund raising activities for the Tesco National Charity Partners.

We have hosted groups collecting for their charities - Alzheimer's UK, Hope House, Parkinson's UK to name a few. Also, we have had groups bag packing - Ysgol Min y Ddol and Wrexham Disabilities Football Club and Cefn Mawr Primary school carol singing.

These groups have all had a small amount of help from us at Tesco, but many of them have had a massive amount of help from our very kind and generous customers.

So on behalf of them and all of the staff at Tesco Cefn Mawr, a huge "Thank You!" and a Happy New Year!



ACREFAIR OVER-SIXTIES CLUB

The Club had an extended break over the Christmas period came back on Tuesday 10th January. We had an enjoyable lunch out at the Hampden Arms on the 13th December and all attended for the festivities. Our programme for the coming year will be finalised and guest speakers invited to our meetings. Our main objective this year may be to obtain some upholstered stacking chairs instead of the plastic we have at present. As per usual we will celebrate all that affects our members, birthdays, St David's Day and any other day that allows us to have a bit of cake or a bun. One new member last year but we welcome anyone who wants a couple of hours out on a Tuesday morning plus a cuppa and biscuits. Get in touch or just call in. If you need transport give **Clive** a ring on **01978 820392**.

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If you are following Jesus, or want to learn more about him, **you are welcome to join us!**



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All ages are welcome, so if you used to go to church and would like to start again, or you have never been a church-goer but would like to know if there IS a God, then come along on Sunday **5th February** at 10.30am in the Activity Centre on Bro Gwilym, Cefn (the "Old Canteen" next to the Schools) - and/or on 5th. March, 2nd. April, 7th. May, 4th. June, 2nd. July. For more info call **824785** or **810761**

YSGOL RHIWABON

Ysgol Rhiwabon Students Impress at National Conference Year 12 student Jai Evan and Year 10 student Tirion Davies were invited to be part of a select student panel at the **Prince's Teaching Institute Conference** for Maths and Science teachers. Jai and Tirion travelled to Crewe Hall to address over one hundred Mathematics and Science Teachers about the importance of studying the two subjects.

Both Students talked about their love of Physics and Mathematics and the success they have achieved through passionate and inspirational teaching. After delivering individual speeches Jai and Tirion answered questions from the floor providing their views on a range of educational issues. Conference Leaders described them as excellent ambassadors for the school and the best student panel they have ever had.

Headteacher Mrs Ferron-Evans said "We are proud of Tirion and Jai who represented the views of our young people in such a mature, thoughtful way. We are also pleased that the Prince's Institute selected students from Ysgol Rhiwabon to represent the views of young people in North Wales".



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CEFN MAWR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This BBC North American Service script was broadcast from the Monsanto Ruabon factory canteen in Cefn Mawr, on Wednesday 16 June, 1943, at 23:15 GMT to all fellow Monsanto workers in North America and Canada. Performed by Society members at their Christmas Social Evening it was followed by a general knowledge quiz conducted by 'Chem', the Llangollen Town Crier, won by Phyllis Morris' team: 'The Penguins' and concluded with the singing of Christmas carols. The Society is taking a winter break and the next meeting will be on **Friday 24 February**, at 7pm in the George Edwards Hall when the speaker will be the ever-popular **Alister Williams of Worthenbury**.

CEFN MAWR AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

Our final Exhibition of 2016 was musically themed. **'The Way We Have Listened to Music'** included a range of music players that have transformed our lives over the past 100 years, from the earliest recording cylinders and a Polyphon music box complete with discs, to modern digital devices. We have a whole range of 78s, cassette tapes and CDs to play you when you come to see and hear us! Over the Christmas period, our small seasonal Exhibition included traditional Christmas cards for sale, as well as some new cards of the Cefn area created from the artwork of **Malcolm Hughes**, local artist and a Museum volunteer.

Our first special Exhibition of 2017 is focused on the firm of **J C Edwards**, running until the end of February. Saturday openings are suspended during the months of January and February, will resume on **11 March 2017**. Our other opening times remain unchanged through the winter period: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-12 30pm. Our Facebook page continues to stimulate interest and responses, and provides an **Object of the Week** to share the Museum contents with the wider community. We can be found on Facebook at '**Cefn Mawr and District Museum**'. We also now have a phone number: **07972 528626**. The Museum is a partnership between Cefn Mawr Historical Society and the Cefn Community Council. Admission is free and car parking space is available in the car park at the rear of the George Edwards Hall, Well Street, Cefn Mawr. We look forward to seeing you shortly, and take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful New Year.

V.I.P. Club (Visually Impaired People)

Meets at the George Edwards Hall Cefn Mawr on the 3rd Thursday monthly from **1.30 to 3pm**.

Free Admission, we offer friendship, refreshments and entertainment. All friends and supporters welcome next meeting is

Thursday 16 March then

Thursday 20 April.

Phone Maureen on **07923 688638** for more information.



YSGOL RHOSYMEDRE NEWS

Pupils participated in a range of Christmas activities, including their highly successful Christmas Concerts. Pictured is Year 4 all dressed up in their costumes for our concert 'Christmas at the Oscars'. Pupils enjoyed learning about the Christmas story. Freya - right made a beautiful stable scene out of the blocks in class. All pupils created seasonal food art in using their creativity, maths, literacy and fine motor skills to make edible pictures and drinkable potions! The pupils (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed this fun and educational experience.



Year 2 pupils had a visit from PC Kim where they learnt about keeping themselves safe by not touching medication. The pupils learnt the value of the motto 'don't touch tell.' Staff showed that they were good sports by raising money for Children In Need, letting our pupils 'soak the teacher.' Teachers voted for Mr Bettis to get soaked but Miss Heath showed she was also a good sport by allowing the pupils to soak her! Pupils thoroughly enjoyed soaking their teachers and raising money for charity!

WALES AIR AMBULANCE If any local groups would like to find out more about the work of Wales Air Ambulance please contact **Alyson Winn**, Community Coordinator to book a talk for your group on **07836 795799** or email her at **AlysonWinn@walesairambulance.com**

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TY MAWR COUNTRY PARK NEWS

Thursday 23 February Creative Calendars, make a calendar you can use and use again from 1.30 to 3.30pm £2.50

Every second Wednesday we have our monthly spinning, knitting and weaving group from 1.30 to 4pm. On **1 February & 1 March** Beginners welcome. Contact **June McLaughlin** on **07780 000206**. See our facebook page **Ty Mawr country park spinners/weavers/knitters**

Saturday 18 March Needle Felting Craft Class, learn how to make your own woolly felt masterpiece. Suitable for 15+ £25 per person, all materials provided to book please **June McLaughlin** on **07780 000206** or email junemclaughlin@btinternet.com
Sponsor an animal at Ty Mawr Country Park the money helps towards the animals upkeep including, housing, feed and vets bills. To sponsor an animal, large or small, as a gift for someone or as a gift for yourself is only £10 per year for small animals and £15 for larger animals, you will receive a fact file, a personalised certificate and a chance to meet your animal on a special sponsor day, please contact the Rangers on **01978 822780** for more details.

The park is open 7 days a week and the Visitor Centre is only open at weekends from 10.30am to 4pm during the winter period where hot drinks are available if the Café is not open.

Please note that due to the risk of Avian Flu our Ducks and Chickens are being kept inside for their protection until the end of February.

Tel: **01978 822780** for more information and see our facebook page **Ty Mawr Country park friends group**

YSGOL ACREFAIR continued In the run up to Christmas classes hosted a **Coffee Morning** inviting parents and friends, the children 'shared the learning' celebrating what they have achieved since September. Our Christmas concerts ranged from telling the story of the star who just couldn't shine, to the Nativity and 'Christmas through the ages'. We were incredibly grateful to local businesses and friends of Ysgol Acrefair who donated prizes for stalls and the raffle at our **Christmas Market**. The PTFA did a wonderful job with refreshments. We even had a secret shopping room for children to buy presents for their loved ones, more than **£1250** was raised. We are looking forward to working with the School Council to decide what to spend the money on! We were awarded **Lead Creative School** status by the Arts Council of Wales. As part of the scheme we have now appointed two Creative Practitioners who are working in school throughout the Spring term on a project linked to our local heritage. The project is designed to enhance children's literacy skills through engagement with the arts. We can't wait to see how it develops and will look forward to inviting members of the local community to come and share in the work that we produce. Airbus UK made a donation of 8 fruit trees to the school last term. They joined Year 5 to help plant them creating our own orchard in our Forest School area. The children did some scientific investigations finding out the best type of soil for planting, taking care of the natural environment and doing their bit to manage their carbon footprint! At the end of the day they pressed apples and tasted some of the juice that our new fruit trees will eventually produce.



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Thank you from all of us at Cefn Mawr.



ACREFAIR YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

The Under 16s held a race night at the Black Horse Penycae to raise much needed funds for the club, raising over £800 which is fantastic, we would like to thank Claire and Steve who run the Black Horse for letting us have our race night there, to Pad for the use his equipment and Andy and Sarah for helping out on the night. Thanks all the locals for supporting us, much appreciated. If it was not for the amazing efforts of all the parents of our under 16's team it would not be possible to keep this club afloat, our thanks go out to Pete Green (Nik) of Davies Builders, Syd from Trevor who keeps an eye on the football pitch for us and all the other things he does and not forgetting our coaches Mel and Maz, I know the team appreciate all their efforts. We also want to say a big thanks to Paul Davies for refurbished our changing rooms. All the people who help out down the Bont a big thank you too. As a club we need a new roof on our changing rooms and a new sit on lawn mower if you would like to help us get sponsors, put together bid applications or generally help us fundraise we would love to hear from you, currently we rely upon the sterling efforts of our players and their parents. Happy New Year to everyone from Acrefair FC and we wish our players a Happy New Year and thank them for all their efforts.

WREXHAM & DISTRICT KENNEL SOCIETY

Want some training for your dog? We hold **Ring Craft & Socialization Classes** at Flexsys Community Hall every **Monday** evening doors open 7pm and classes start 7.30 entry £1 for more information please call **01978 8820425**

YSGOL CEFN MAWR RUGBY SUCCESS

In September ITV Wales came to film the girls rugby team in a training session with Mr Williams. to promote girls rugby and their own rugby success they were a credit to the school. Both the boys and girls have received brand new kits courtesy of Kronospan. We are also proud to announce that we won the School Achievement Award at Wrexham Sports Awards. Mrs Green, Mr Williams and Miss Jones went along to the awards evening at Brymbo Cricket Club with members of the girls rugby team. See photo below There were a lot of entries and strong competition. The girls did very well in promoting the school and rugby league winning the Crusaders Cup, the Ruabon Cup and appearing on TV and in the rugby paper. However it also acknowledges the fact we have ten trained sports buddies and all the clubs run by staff, outside agencies and parents. A thank you to Milan and Cruz's mum for coaching girls football, Mr and Mrs Roberts for coaching football and Dance Zone for their time too!



The boys team looking good in their new kit.

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The Ebenezer Question? The PKC Group, Baynon Property Services and other local businesses in Cefn Mawr would like to see this building reopened. In September 2015 we submitted a business plan to reopen it as an Arts and Visitor Centre for the World Heritage Site. This would give our community a major tourist attraction at the centre of our village that could be shown on Brown & White Tourist Information Signs. This would be directly linked to the Aqueduct by [Jessop's Tramway](#) and [Windborne Gate](#) (WBG) set up as the main parking rather than Trevor Basin. WBG is 500mts to the aqueduct and 500mts to the centre of Cefn Mawr. Simple YOU ARE HERE signs at WBG would encourage some of the +200,000 people visiting the aqueduct to also come into Cefn Mawr and just 10% will put 20,000 tourists on our streets, which is why we say what we say, and keep saying it.

This will provide the required footfall to be able to keep the building open on a viable basis and for it to assume the intended role as the leading regeneration work of the THI, which we fully support. The Ebenezer will tie in with the Cefn Community Museum in the GEH, Cartographic Museum in the HBI and Clwyd Family History Society in the Rhosymedre Enterprise Centre offering even more and ensuring footfall to all including all local businesses is increased. Introduction of tourism on this scale would start the economic regeneration of our community and allow us to progress towards becoming a Tourist Destination and Transport Hub for the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site, Dee Valley and South Wrexham over the course of the planned LDP2 by WCBC.

The overall scheme "Back to the Future for Cefn Mawr" outline can be seen in three documents we have published, [Cefn Mawr & WSP](#) (Wales Spatial Plan), [Cefn Mawr & PPW 2016](#) (Planning Policy Wales), [Cefn Mawr & WTS](#) (Wales Transport Strategy). These are on our [LDP2 webpage](#) and printed copies are available at the Cefn Community Museum, Clwyd Family History Society, Cefn Library and the Holly Bush Inn. We hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all at the [Holy Bush Inn](#) (HBI) in 2017.

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